

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification, as follows:

Page 10, lines 1-3, replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph:

Fig. 4 shows a high-performance tyre 51 for a motor vehicle. Tyre 51 is of the directional type~~[[. In]]~~; in other words, it has a tread pattern ~~that appears different when viewed in one circumferential direction than when viewed from the other circumferential direction. Applicants note that such a directional type tread pattern may be, for example, symmetric~~ which is symmetrical about equatorial plane 50 (Fig. 5), ~~although the pattern on one side of the equatorial plane is shifted circumferentially relative to the pattern on the other side of the equatorial plane.~~